PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 09952.0038

REMARKS

By this amendment, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added as the last

page of the application (page no. 25). The separate for the Abstract of the Disclosure is

enclosed herewith.

An amendment to the specification is also made to incorporate related

application information.

Claims 21-40 are currently pending. The claims have been amended in order to

conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been introduced by these

amendments.

The examiner respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary

amendment prior to the examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of the Preliminary Amendment,

please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an

extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is

requested and the fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 18, 2006

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Attachments: Abstract of the Disclosure

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